



Response Under 37 CFR 1.116  
Expedited Procedure  
Examining Group: 3617

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**AMENDMENT "C"**

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| APPLICANT:  | Andersen et al                                | GROUP ART UNIT: 3617   |
| SERIAL NO.: | 09/868,969                                    | EXAMINER: A. Wright    |
| FILED:      | March 27, 2002                                | CONFIRMATION NO.: 1295 |
| INVENTION:  | "SEMI-SUBMERSIBLE HEAVY-LIFT<br>CARGO VESSEL" |                        |

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SIR:

In the **Final Rejection** dated November 19, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED   |  |       |  |                         |   |                          |
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|   | (2)<br>CLAIMS<br>REMAINING<br>AFTER<br>AMENDMENT |       | (4)<br>HIGHEST NO.<br>PREVIOUSLY<br>PAID FOR | (5)<br>PRESENT<br>EXTRA | (6)<br>RATE                                 | (7)<br>ADDITIONAL<br>FEE |
| TOTAL CLAIMS  | * 12   | MINUS | **20   | X                       | ( ) X 9.00<br>( ) X 18.00                   |                          |
| INDEP. CLAIMS   | * 1  | MINUS | 3  | X                       | ( ) X 42.00<br>( ) X 84.00                  |                          |
| Application amended to contain<br>any multiple dependent claims<br>not previously paid for. |  |       | ( ) YES<br>( ) NO                            |                         | ( ) \$140.00<br>( ) \$280.00<br>ONE<br>TIME |                          |
|   |  |       | TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE<br>FOR THIS AMENDMENT   |                         | \$0.00                                      |                          |

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A check for \$ \_\_\_\_ accompanying IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(c) is attached

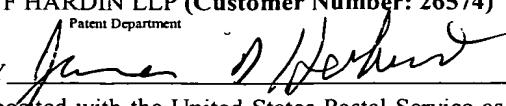
A check for \$ \_\_\_\_ and Petition for Consideration of IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(d) is attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 501519. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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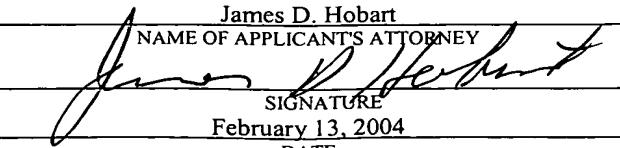
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